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SUBJECT: "US THREATENS BORDER BATTLE" SAYS TORONTO STAR EDITORIAL -
MEDIA REACTION

1. "A GROUP OF 18 U.S. SENATORS ARE THREATENING CANADA WITH A NEW
BORDER WAR OVER TV ADVERTISING REVENUES ON THE HIGHLY DUBIOUS
GROUNDS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE RIGHT TO BEAM TV SIGNALS
ANYWHERE IT WANTS TO IN THE WORLD. IN FACT THE U.S. THREAT IS
A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO CANADAIN SOVEREIGNTY." THUS THE FIRST
PARAGRAPH OF THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN AUGUST 17 TORONTO STAR.

2. "THE U.S.DRAFT BILL IS A NAKED THREAT IN DEFENCE OF THE
WINDFALL PROFITS OF THE U.S. BORDER STATIONS." AND , "THE
CANADAIN GOVERNMENT HAS EVERY RIGHT TO WRITE WHATEVER TAX
LAWS IT PLEASES FOR CANADAIN COMPANIES."

3. EDITORIAL SUGGESTS IF U.S. IMPORTS OF CANADAIN-MADE FILMS
ETC. ARE BANNED, RETALIATION WOULD BE IN ORDER AND "IN COMMERCIAL
TERMS THEY (U.S.) WOULD BE THE BIG LOSERS."

4. "THE U.S. PROPOSAL IS SO OFFENSIVE AND POINTLESS,IN FACT,
IT WOULD BE EASY TO DISMISS IT AS MERE POSTURING BY CHEAP
POLITICIANS TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH LOCAL TV STATIONS. BUT
IT IS BACKED BY SOME OF THE MOST RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE
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U.S. SENATE....DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND THAT BY THREATENING

CANADA WITH THEIR BILL THEY ARE REINFORCING THE CRITICS WHO
SEE THE UNITED STATES AS AN IMPERIALIST POWER DETERMINED TO
EXPORT ITS CULTURE AND EXPLOIT THE CANADAIN MARKET?"
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